

**COUNTY OF BURNET  
CITY OF MARBLE FALLS  
STATE OF TEXAS**

On this the 12th day of September, 2016 the Parks and Recreation Commission of the City of Marble Falls, Texas convened for a regular meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Marble Falls City Hall located at 800 Third Street, Marble Falls, Texas, with notice of meeting giving the time, place, date and subject having been posted as described in Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code.

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Dave Rhodes	Chair
	Mark McCary	Vice-Chair
	Charles Watkins	Commissioner
	Kendra Lewis	Commissioner
	Annie Berg	Commissioner
	Steve Hurst	Commissioner
	Leta Stevenson-Smith	Commissioner

<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	Jane Knapik	Special Cemetery Board Member
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<b><u>CITY STAFF PRESENT:</u></b>	Robert Moss, Parks & Recreation Director
	Lewis Fincher, Superintendent of Parks
	Mike Hodge, City Manager
	Caleb Kraenzel, Assistant City Manager
	Elizabeth Yeh, City Planner
	Monique Breaux, PARD Administrative Assistant

**VISITORS:** Patti Zinsmeyer – Marble Falls Chamber of Commerce; Shannon Heep – Scenic Texas Highways; Jennifer Fierro – The Picayune

1. **CALL TO ORDER.** Chair Rhodes called the meeting to order at 11:30 pm.

2. **UPDATES, PRESENTATIONS & RECOGNITIONS.**

**Chamber of Commerce Community Events.** Chamber Executive Director, Patti Zinsmeyer, gave an overview of the history of the Chamber. She also gave an overview of the annual community events hosted by the Chamber. Patti reiterated the importance of these events to the community. The Chamber will begin preparing for Walkway of Lights in mid-October.

3. **CITIZENS COMMENTS.** Shannon Heep addressed the Commission on behalf of Scenic Texas Highways. She handed out information concerning the proposed highway 281 and 71 interchange wildflower beautification project. She informed the Commission that the organization wishes to partner with Keep Marble Falls Beautiful and needs several volunteers. The project is set to begin in the fall of 2017.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.**

- **July 11, 2016 Regular Meeting.**

Commissioner Lewis motioned to accept minutes and Commissioner Stevenson-Smith seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**5. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS.**

**Park and Open Space Subdivision Ordinance Discussion.** City Planner Elizabeth Yeh gave a presentation on the park land dedication ordinance. Commissioner Hurst commented that park land dedication does nothing for the City because new developments already feature amenities such as pools and parks. He would rather the City charge developers a fee; and allow City officials to determine what to do with the funds. Chair Rhodes requested that Elizabeth gather additional details concerning the subdivision ordinance; and present her findings at a future meeting.

**Park, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan Update.** Director Moss gave an overview on the status of the Master Plan update. He handed out a Gantt chart reflecting the next steps in the parks update process. There were 569 survey responses. The community was informed about the survey via press release, social media, direct mailings, fliers, one-on-one meetings, and newspaper articles. The second Parks Advisory Committee meeting will be held in October. The open house to discuss the preliminary findings of the survey will be held in November. Both meetings are open to the public. Director Moss will also be hosting a meeting on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the City Council Chambers with the residents of the Park View neighborhood in order to discuss the future of the undeveloped Park View park site. The Master Plan update is scheduled to be completed in December 2016; and will be presented to the City Council for approval in January 2017.

**6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT.**

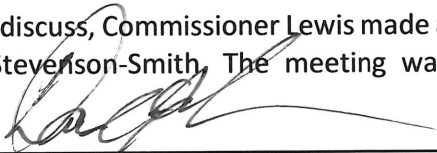
**Park Projects.** Director Moss stated that the budget for the next fiscal year has been completed. The Parks Department has obtained an additional \$30-thousand for maintenance use only. Phases 2 and 3 of the wayfinding sign project are ongoing. A new sign will be installed in Johnson Park on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by additional walking and directional signs in the near future. The Veterans Walkway Armed Forces tribute is scheduled to open by November 11, 2016. Lastly, Monique has been working on getting a LCRA grant in order to extend purple pipe to the Greens Soccer Complex.

**Operations and Maintenance.** Director Moss mentioned the maintenance crew is preparing for upcoming community events (Fiesta JAM, Main Street Market Days, and Walkway of Lights). The crew is also busy mowing. The Racer's Landing tribute has been installed on Lakeshore Drive. He mentioned that it is time to begin planning Spring Break 2017. Lastly, he informed the Commissioners that the adult leagues have been using Johnson Park Ball Field on weekends. Commissioners Berg and Hurst both suggested

imposing an impact fee for community events that are hosted in the parks in addition to the park rental fees.

The next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2016.

7. **COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS.** Commissioner Lewis announced that the Girls Scouts are going to partner with Keep Marble Falls Beautiful to help with the post City Wide Garage Sale clean up. The event will take place on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> 1-3m. All of the commissioners are encouraged to attend. Commissioner Hurst requested that FEMA grant opportunities be added to a future agenda for discussion. Chair Rhodes requested that the economic impact of community events and additional information concerning the subdivision ordinance be added to a future agenda for discussion.
8. **ADJOURNMENT.** There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lewis made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Stevenson-Smith. The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 7-0.



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Dave Rhodes, Chair

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Monique Breau, PARD Administrative Assistant